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THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231
BOX ISSUE FEE

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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance mailed September 11, 2002 in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due December 11, 2002 and has not yet been paid.

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. Copies of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97-1.98.

The submission of such a document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE AND FEE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(d), within three (3) months of the mailing date of the foreign office action with the required statement under 1.97(e) and the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The cited documents A3 and A4 were cited in a Japanese Office Action during prosecution of a counterpart Japanese application.

Document A3 corresponds to a superconductive fiber having an outer reinforcing layer.

Document A4 corresponds to an oxide superconductor fiber having a metal layer reinforced with an inorganic fiber material.

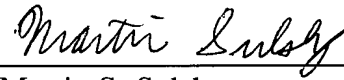
English translations of documents A3 and A4 are not readily available; however, English language abstracts are provided herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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